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Arts Council Minutes 06-13-2002

Arlington Arts Council

Minutes of June 13 2002 -- Jefferson Cutter House

Present: Mary Babic, Shari Craig, Eleanor Kagan, Suzanne McLeod, Amy Peters, David Silverman, Robert Zinck, Carol Mahoney (associate member), Michelle Meagher (visitor), Karin Trachtenberg (visitor/MCC representative)

Absent: Christine Alaimo, Diane Connor, Cheryl Hemenway

David Silverman called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Item One: Minutes from May.

David Silverman moved to approve minutes from May 16, 2002. Elinore Kagan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item Two: Requests for Payment and Correspondence

Elinor Kagan moved to approve a request for final payment of \$500 to Ruth Harcovitz (#2002-27). Shari Craig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A request for payment from the Arlington Children's Theater (#2002-7) was tabled until next month, by which time we expect to get the final report. Elinore Kagan will follow up on this, and put a purchase order in motion.

Elinore Kagan moved to approve partial payment of \$391 to Jennifer Ingram for grant #2002-24. David Silverman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Elinore Kagan moved to approve partial payment to the Townwide PTO for grant #2002-18 in the amount of \$1200. David Silverman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Arlington Arts Council has been informed by the MCC that Margo Cooper, grant #2002-04, has been chosen for an MCC award. We received a letter commending Ruth Harcovitz's performance at the Senior Center (#2002-07).

Item Three: Community Input Meeting

With Massachusetts Cultural Council representative Karin Trachtenberg, the Council discussed results and implications of community input meeting results. Karin formed the ensuing discussion by stating that many local cultural councils have mission statements, policies, and funding priorities, and that these are items we should

consider generating. Points for the AAC to consider include how involved we want our policies and priorities to be; the possibility of changing priorities from year to year; applying for MCC money to further an AAC project; the use of community input data. The discussion centered on the following topics, based on CI data: development/generation/maintenance of a web site or events calendar; development of a list of Arlington artists and arts organizations; cultural affairs office for the town; artists' forums; collaboration among artists and groups. It was decided that we would pursue the ideas of collaboration and communication for our grant cycle this year. The council also discussed having applications and hot sheets available earlier than September, with an accompanying article in the Advocate that would highlight our priorities for this funding year.

Item Four: Town Day

Amy Peters has received an application for Town Day. We discussed possible placement of our booth to coincide with a project for chalk art that Cheryl Hemenway is pursuing with the town. The idea of handing out play "AAC Money" was discussed, with a banner reading "We Give Away Money"; Suzanne will make some samples of AAC bills (featuring the faces of artists) for the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by David Silverman at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne McLeod (acting secretary in Christine Alaimo's absence)